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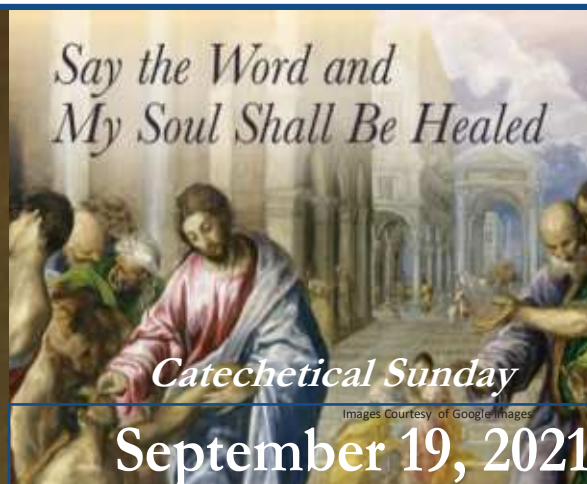
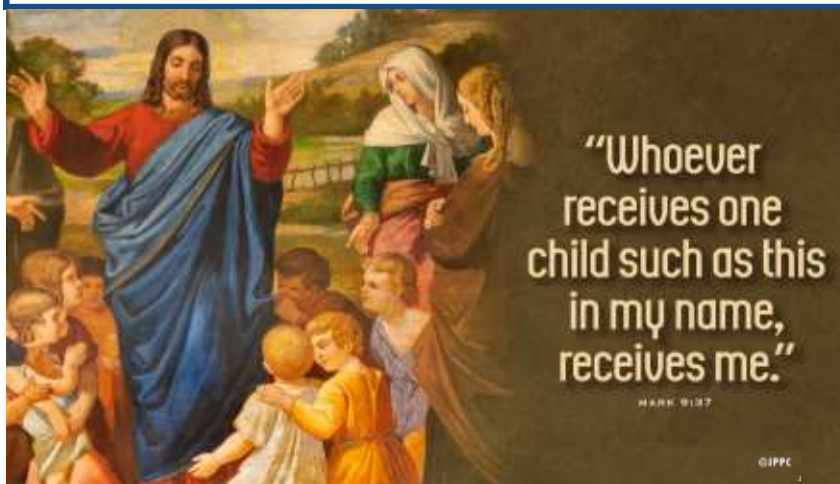
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[www. SaintJamesTheApostle.org](http://www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org)



Catechetical Sunday

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September 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

NEWS AND UPDATES

We are happy to welcome students from the Edward V. Walton Primary School here at Saint James. Due to flood damage sustained by the Walton School building in the recent tropical storm, the Springfield Board of Education and Saint James Church have entered into a short-term lease agreement for the school building until their school is back up and running.

The school building is ready to go and we are looking forward to welcoming our new tenants beginning this week. It truly is a blessing to see young students fill the halls of our beloved school building. Best of luck to the students, teachers, and staff of the Walton Primary School!

FORWARD IN FAITH LISTENING SESSIONS

This week we will be hosting the **FORWARD IN FAITH Listening Sessions**. Before I articulate my vision for our parish, I'm eager to hear yours. Please know that I am looking forward to **listening** to you and hearing what you have to say about our wonderful parish and its future.

The two dates for the Listening Sessions, which will be held in the church, are:

Wednesday, September 22nd, at 10:00AM and Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:00PM

No need to RSVP, just come!

In addition to the two listening sessions, we will make available both a paper and a digital survey for those who aren't comfortable/able to attend the in-person sessions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP

On Monday, October 4th, at 7:00PM in the church we will be welcoming all of our **CURRENT** Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality for a Liturgical Ministers Workshop.

The focus of the workshop will be to regroup as our liturgical ministries continue to ramp up. We hope that this event will be for our liturgical ministers a time to refocus on the importance of liturgical ministry.

If you are currently a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or a Minister of Hospitality here at Saint James, please be sure to RSVP to your ministry's coordinator ASAP.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I believe in that great love, that comes, or should come, from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone.

—Mother Teresa



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

\$7,073.00

\$5,109.00 Mass Collection

\$1,964.00 Online Collection

\$490.00 ~ 2nd collection: Catholic University

WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

To sign up for Online Giving go to:

www.saintjamestheapostle.org

Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's baptism.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING

THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ~ VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life?

Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Today is not only Catechetical Sunday, the day our catechists will be blessed at the 10:30 Mass, it is also the day I have been waiting 18 months to say: Welcome back students!!!!" Classes for our in-person and virtual learners in grades 1 through 6 begin this Tuesday for Schedule "B". I am hoping we will have enough volunteers to observe the virtual students while the teachers teach. If you are able to assist, please let me know! This is a great high school community service opportunity!

Our final Confirmation Prep class will also be held Tuesday evening. Please continue to pray for our teens as they draw closer to the day they confirm the baptismal promise made on their behalf as a child. This is an extraordinary group of young people and I am so very proud of their commitment to their faith!

If your child is of school age and never baptized, baptized in a different faith, or has special learning needs, please email or call me. All children are welcome in our Faith Formation Program.

MUSIC MINISTRY



SAINT JAMES YOUTH CHOIR

The Saint James Youth Choir is open to students in grades 3 through 8. Choristers experience participating in the parish Sunday Liturgies once a month in addition to Christmas, Easter and other celebrations. Youth Choir equips singers with a foundation in basic vocal technique and gives them individual opportunities to lead the congregation in sung prayer. Rehearsals will begin in October on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:00PM in the church. Please contact Dan Palko with any questions: dpalko@saintjamesparish.org or 973-376-3044.

9/11 Prayer Vigil 20th Anniversary



PARISH NEWS



We invite you to watch this informational video about the 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese.

[2021 Annual Appeal](#)

The Annual Appeal serves the needs of all in the diocese. Each parish in the diocese is given a monetary goal to contribute. **Saint James has not reached our goal.** Please consider helping your parish by making a donation. You can do so online at rcan.org/sharing or by check, payable to Saint James Church (please write “Annual Appeal” in the memo section).

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Fr. Santos

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00~ 4:00PM on the 2nd Saturday
of the month for Eucharistic Adoration
Next Adoration is October 9th
Confession every Saturday at 4:00PM



Join us outside in the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Gathering Area of the Church (if raining) or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Facebook Page to join us on YouTube.

All are welcome!



**The Filipino Apostolate
Community
hosted a
Welcome BBQ
for Fr. Santos!**

Saint James Parish Festival!!



"SAVE THE DATE"

October 12th ~ October 16th

Mark your calendar!



WE NEED YOU!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND CLICK ON THE LINK TO SIGN UP!

[Saint James Festival Sign-up!!](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45a4ab22a1f94-saint)

Or:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45a4ab22a1f94-saint>

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF JOBS!

Monday & Tuesday morning: help is needed for a few hours to assist with
the food tent set-up

Kitchen: cutting & cooking peppers, onions, sausage, washing dishes

Tent: cooks, taking food orders, serving food

Having trouble signing up?

Call or email Nancy Caputo: ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org or 973-376-2061

Have a festival question?

Contact: John O'Reilly jxoreill@aol.com or Bob Wright: robertwright1@yahoo.com

SAINT JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

One of the major highlights of the annual Saint James the Apostle Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction. Your help is needed to make this year's event even more successful than in the past.

The Tin Can Auction is a tricky-tray-type event during which festival goers purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by area residents and merchants.

Saint James needs contributions of prizes—goods, services, event tickets and other items to make its Tin Can Auction a success.



**So, if you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact:
Antoinette Miller: 201-306-0520**



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH FESTIVAL

The annual Saint James Parish Festival for 2021 will be held from Tuesday, October 12 through Saturday, October 16. The Super 50/50 has always been a big part of the Festival and we will be having it again this year with some slight changes.

This year, no raffle tickets will be mailed directly to your home.

Here is how you can get your Super 50/50 tickets:

- ◇ Raffle Tickets will be sold before and after each Mass
- ◇ Sheets of tickets will be available in the Rectory
- ◇ Contact Janet Dellasala at 973-912-0392



There will be three cash prizes awarded and the winning numbers will be drawn on the last night of the Festival, October 16 at 9:30PM.

Once again, your anticipated support to make the Super 50/50 a great success is very much appreciated.

Sale of the tickets begin this weekend.

Stop by the table in the Gathering Area before or after Mass to purchase your tickets!

Feasts and Saints of the Week...

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-Gŏn and Saint Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang. Memorial September 20.

On this day we remember a whole group of courageous Korean Christians, 113 martyrs canonized together in 1984. Some 10,000 Catholics were martyred for their faith before religious freedom came to Korea in 1884. Today Korea has nearly 4 million Catholics.

Around 1777, some Confucian scholars decided to follow Christ after reading books brought into the country by Catholics from China.

When a Chinese priest secretly arrived about 12 years later, he found 4,000 Catholics who had never seen a priest. Korea's first Christian community was made up entirely of laypeople!

Andrew Kim Tae-Gŏn was the first native Korean priest. He was the son of converts. His father, a farmer, was also martyred. Andrew was baptized when he was 15. He then attended the seminary in Macao, China, 1,300 miles away from home. After six years Andrew returned to Korea and assumed the job of bringing missionaries into the country secretly. Almost immediately he was arrested, tortured, and beheaded.

In a letter written to fellow Christians, Andrew stated, "We have received baptism, entrance into the Church, and the honor of being called Christians. Yet what good will this do us if we are Christians in name only and not in fact?"

Saint Matthew. Feast day September 21.

Matthew must have been surprised when Jesus walked up to him and said, "Follow me." He probably fell off the stool in his customs booth!

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector in the town of Capernaum. Most tax collectors were hated by the Jews because they worked for the Romans, who had conquered the land. A tax collector could use his position honestly or dishonestly. The temptation to use the position to become rich was great. Now do you think the choice of Matthew was surprising?

Yet Jesus chose a tax collector to follow him, to learn from him, and to go out and spread the Good News to others. The call from Jesus was more powerful than the call of wealth. Matthew left his work as tax collector. He invited Jesus to a dinner where other tax collectors (publicans) and sinners were gathered. The Pharisees were upset when they saw this.

We know nothing other than that about Matthew from the Scriptures, but we do know that Matthew preached the Good News of Christ, and at least part of the Gospel attributed to him was first written for the Jewish converts in Palestine. There is some uncertainty about where Matthew preached and where and how he died.

Yet we can learn much from Matthew. He was a man who knew quite well the power of money. He knew the comfort it could ensure, the recreation it could buy, the luxury it could provide. But he was wise enough to know what it could not do. Money could never give him that sense of peace deep inside. It could never befriend him when he was lonely or give him the strength and courage to go on when all else seemed lost. Money could never buy him forgiveness or love. But the love of Christ could do all this and more.

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. Feast day September 23.

In 1903, sixteen-year-old Francesco Forgione entered the Capuchin monastery at Morcone, Italy, where he received the name Brother Pio. A bright young man whose personality blended playfulness and seriousness, he threw himself wholeheartedly into the rigors of the Capuchin novitiate. Perhaps too wholeheartedly, as for the next decade Brother Pio suffered mysterious illnesses that required his superiors to allow him to live with his family in Pietrelcina, his hometown. Inexplicably, the vomiting, fevers, and pains that instantaneously afflicted him when he set foot in the monastery subsided when he returned to his home.

In 1910, he became Padre Pio when the Capuchins ordained him a priest. He conducted his early pastoral ministry in Pietrelcina because his baffling illnesses recurred every time his superiors tried to return him to a monastery. Padre Pio celebrated Mass in the morning at his parish church and spent his days praying, teaching children, counseling people, and visiting friends. Impressed by his obvious piety and touched by his gentle affection, the people of Pietrelcina soon came to esteem their young priest as a saint.

A series of mystical events that occurred in August and September of 1918 shaped the remainder of Padre Pio's life. On August 5, an angel like the one who struck Teresa of Ávila's heart appeared to him and wounded his soul. Then after celebrating Mass on September 18, while sitting in the monastery choir before an ancient crucifix, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He says he fell into a deep, peaceful repose, and an angel with blood oozing from his hands, feet, and side appeared to him. "I felt like I was dying," he said, "and I would have died if the Lord had not intervened to strengthen my heart, which was ready to burst out of my chest."

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com>



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers by the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

For the People of Saint James

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Brayden Ashraf, Brody Ashraf, Benjamin McKeever, Luna Vitello

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Deacon Stan Fedson, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, Richard Quagliato, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, Peggy Wysock

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO DIE

Sister Bertrand Austin, Jose R. Sanchez

For all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Andy Selzam ~ *Rita, Angela & Pasqual*

7:30AM

Mary Hayes ~ *Gianna & Brian Hayes*

9:00AM

William Schmidt ~ *The Clark Family*

10:30AM

Glen Albright ~ *Barbara Dlugosz*

12:00PM

Eleanor Carney ~ *Patty & John*

MONDAY, September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gõn & Saint Paul Chõng Ha-Sang

7:30AM

Janice Bongiovanni ~ *Robin Melleno*

TUESDAY, September 21 Saint Matthew

7:30AM

Barbara Ann Disko ~ *Yannazzone Family*

WEDNESDAY, September 22

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

THURSDAY, September 23 Saint Padre Pio

7:30AM

Raymond Alberti ~ *Mom & Dad*

FRIDAY, September 24

7:30AM

Frank Ruggiero ~ *Gianna & Brian Hayes*

SATURDAY, September 25

8:00AM

Anna Maria Villanova ~ *Family*

SUNDAY, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Judy Policastro ~ *Annette & Ray Alberti*

7:30AM

Anna Gallagher ~ *Son, James*

9:00AM

Neil Kjelle ~ *Marylou & Children*

10:30AM

Ernest Reedy ~ *Eugenia Reedy*

12:00PM

For the People of Saint James

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS:

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings
(click the link to access the readings)

FIRST READING: Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 ~ SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

**True discipleship, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor,
with justice and peace.**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,
We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**
Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth**.